

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the final Office Action sent July 12, 2007 and the Advisory Action sent November 16, 2007. Claims 1-35 are pending and rejected in the application. Applicants submit that the pending claims are patentably distinguishable over the cited references for the reasons given below. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Section 103 Rejections

The Examiner rejects Claims 1-35 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,771,381 issued to Jones et al. ("*Jones*") in view of U.S. Publication No. 2002/0150079 issued to Zabawskyj et al. ("*Zab*").

Applicants have previously provided arguments with the purpose of explaining to the Examiner the Applicants' reasoning why the claims are non-obvious. In response, the Examiner has requested that the Applicants attempt to focus the claims to describe their invention in more narrow detail. Although Applicants believe that the previous version of the claims did so and was allowable over the cited art, Applicants have amended the claims in the present Response as requested by the Examiner in an attempt to expedite allowance of this application. Applicants believe that these claim limitations are not disclosed, taught or suggested in the cited art. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims.

CONCLUSION


Applicants have made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of all the pending claims.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would advance prosecution of this Application in any manner, the Examiner is invited to contact Brian W. Oaks, Attorney for Applicants, at the Examiner's convenience at (214) 953-6986.

Applicants have filed herewith an extension of time to December 12, 2007. Applicants believe no other fees are due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

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